

For the Record...



A note from Amalia

Greetings, This is the fourth edition of our newsletter, *For the Record*. We hope to keep you informed via this medium of what is transpiring in our office.

First and foremost, let me congratulate our newest Shining Stars for 2012. Michelle, Nick and Lydia join the ranks of our outstanding list of Shining Stars! You can read more about them in this newsletter. We are very proud of them.

Welcome to our new employees listed by department, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome.

A slew of both technology and other improvement projects are currently underway that you will be hearing about or are already involved with.

- Our Records Online project should be available very soon with redaction being a key component of this project;
- The CUC Tech Share project will share cost with two other Texas counties to develop a state-of-the art case management system and will integrate with several of our counties offices;
- New office space was acquired in the Gault Building for our IT staff and move-in date is planned for June;
- TexFile is the new statewide e-filing system that will start rolling out September 2013 with mandated e-filing starting January 2014 for the ten largest Texas counties.

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Shining Star Awards 2012



April

Wish your co-worker a happy birthday!

2nd— Norma Guajardo
7th— Terry Garza
11th— Peggy Ojeda
12th— Cristina Matei
15th— Jonathan Sanders
20th— Jennifer Mayces
24— Michelle Brinkman
29th— Laura Jones

May

4th— Marc Viteritto
9th—Ana Laura Fraga-Arujo
10th—Rick Vittitow
13th—Sandra Cabriaes
20th—AJ Soltero
20th—Jennifer Fries
21st—Matthew Nelms

June

1st— Stephanie Garza
3rd— James Fernandez
4th— Melanie Peterson



Welcome our New Employees

Family Division

Our most recent hire in our family division, *Julie Castillo* has over 23 years of administrative experience within Travis County. She offers a vast amount of both legal and customer service experience to our office.

Rosalinda Castillo earned an Associates Degree in Paralegal studies from Virginia

College. Rosalinda also interned with our office prior to being hired as a full time employee.

James Fernandez received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Texas. In addition to his education, James has a varied work background most recently as an intern with the Texas Civil Rights Project.

Civil Division

Bari Henson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Advertising from the University of Texas. Bari has an extensive legal background and over 25 years of administrative and customer service experience.

Intake Division

Evangeline Fairchild completed her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Laguna Technological Institute. In addition to her edu-

cation, Evangeline has significant experience in the legal field.

Records Division

Sandra Cabriaes is our most recent employee in our Records Division. Sandra has over 8 years experience in data entry, customer service, and computer software experience.

Shining Stars

Michelle Brinkman has served as Chief Deputy for the District Clerk's office for the past 22 years. Her in-house expertise provides daily guidance with both civil or criminal related issues. One of Michelle's significant accomplishments of 2012 consisted of writing and submitting a grant request to the State of Texas to address the issue of electronic data disposition in our Criminal division. Michelle is resilient, motivated, determined and by far a wonderful asset to our office!

Lydia Martinez, Court Clerk for the 200th District Court, joined our staff on May 15, 2006; Lydia had extensive legal background having worked as a legal assistant for several law firms since 1984. Lydia's bubbly personality radiates energy, fun, and sunshine. Her legal experience is a tremendous asset to our office. Lydia's interpersonal skills and enthusiasm allow her to handle both her court and customers, with ease and compassion.

Nicholas Bates is a long term employee having joined us in 2005. Currently, Nick is a Court Clerk II in our Grand Jury Division. Some of Nick's attributes are his punctuality, reliability, and courteousness. Nick has an excellent working relationship with our customers and especially with local media outlets, who frequent our Grand Jury Office.

Congratulations!!!

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We continue to explore a program for self-represented litigants to be able to E-File.

Passport activity continues to keep both our Courthouse location and the Jury office quite busy. Our passport fair will become an annual event. Thanks again to everyone who participated in making it such a tremendous success! I am pleased we offer this much-needed service to our community.

With the Legislature in session, we are monitoring bills that may have impact on our office and are assisting with bill analysis as well as submitting fiscal notes.

Midland County is getting ready to introduce our I-Jury system to their jurors and we wish them much success. I know the community will embrace I-Jury the way that potential jurors in Travis County did. I am proud of what we accomplish every day and am inspired to do more!

*Hook 'em,
Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza*